

“Charting the Landscape/Mapping New Paths”: Project Descriptions

1. **Project Name:** National Forum on Information Literacy
2. **Goal:** To empower people to be effective information consumers and thereby close the information (digital) divide.
3. **Participating institutions/agencies:** Over 95 national and international broadly based organizations. (See www.infolit.org for a complete list.)
4. **Your role/expertise in this type project:** NFIL Chair also a frequent writer and speaker on the topic.
5. **Outcomes / successes to-date:**
 - 2 National reports
 - 2003 international conference of information literacy experts in Prague
 - Inclusion of information literacy in NCATE standards for teacher education
6. **Lessons learned :** A grassroots effort can be very effective if there is a compelling vision.
7. **If we began anew we would ask these questions at the beginning:** What would need to be put into place if an initiative originally thought to be short-termed needed to be extended?
8. **Critical success factors:** Compelling vision, broadly based membership, and high content and low housekeeping meetings 3-times a year in Washington, D.C.
9. **Our next steps will be:** Currently talking with UNESCO regarding a Global Conference on information literacy that will bring together teams of people to plan information literacy initiatives for their countries.
10. **What else?**